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MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Systems Board Members   25X1

FROM: [blank]
         Executive Secretary to the Board   25X1

SUBJECT: Minutes of 22 February 1985 Meeting of the   25X1
            Information Systems Board [blank]   25X1
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1. The Information Systems Board met on Friday,
22 February 1985. [blank] (ExDir) presided; participants
included Board members: [blank] (DD/OIS for [blank]
D/OIS), William Donnelly (D/OIT), Philip Eckman (D/ORD),
R. M. Huffstutler (D/NPIC), [blank] (D/OC), Robert Kohler
(D/OD&E), [blank] (D/OS), [blank] (D/OCR),
Corley Wonus (D/OSO), [blank] (C/IMS), and [blank] (DC/ASG
for [blank] C/ASG). Also in attendance were members of the
Artificial Intelligence Applications Working Group. [blank]

2. [blank] opened the meeting with a farewell and best   25X1
wishes to [blank] upon his retirement. He then briefly
discussed the future of the Information Systems Board, commenting
that meetings would be held more often but that only seven members
of the present Board would be asked to attend regularly. The
remaining members would be invited when issues of specific concern
to them were being discussed. He then introduced the members of   25X1
Artificial Intelligence Applications Working Group. [blank]

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4. The next briefing on a data reduction storage and retrieval investment strategy was given by [_____] (C/ISD/C&AG/OIT). [_____] opened the discussion by suggesting that Agency management should consider some data storage and reduction options -- deciding what to store, where, and for how long. Mr. Eckman criticized the investment strategy as a "mixed bag of issues." He argued that storage density is a space problem amenable to technical solutions whereas what should be stored and where is a management decision. He further suggested that the report had given inadequate attention to the reduction (through screening) and retrieval capabilities of artificial intelligence applications. [_____]

5. [_____] argued that even the most advanced storage technology will only buy the Agency four to five years because our data will outstrip storage technology by 1990. [_____] agreed that we are falling behind. Technology allows a doubling of data stored every five years while the Agency doubles its storage every two years. [_____] stated that obviously tough management decisions were needed to decide what needs to be retained, how it should be stored, and for how long -- new storage technology, he said, was not enough. Mr. Kohler remarked that the wrong data storage and retrieval technology can slow information processing. [_____] suggested that the Board postpone further discussion of this problem until the May committee recommendations have been given a hearing. [____]

6. [_____] (DC/IMS) briefed the Board on the machine-assisted translation investment strategy. He told the Board that this area appeared to be in control and that several Agency users, including FBIS and the DO, were already using machine-assisted translation programs. [_____]

7. [_____] told the Board that several future meetings would be educational. For example, on 3 and 4 May, [____] will present a shortened version of their executive seminar for senior CIA managers -- the DDs, the ADDs, and the Board. [_____] then adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be 1 March 1985 in Room 7D64, Headquarters, at which time the Board will be briefed on the old and new buildings' communications architecture. [_____]

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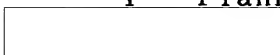
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